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Abbott: US military not needed in Texas

LaTonya Floyd, third from left, participates in a march to protest the death of her brother, George Floyd in Houston on Tuesday. Floyd, a Houston native, died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into George Floyd's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air. [DAVID J. PHILLIP/ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Trump has told governors to use troops to 'dominate the streets' amid protests

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Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday that Texas doesn't need and won't be seeking U.S. military assistance to deal with protest violence.

"We will not be asking the United States military to come into the state of Texas because we know that Texans can take care of Texas," Abbott said at a news conference at Dallas City Hall that was joined by Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson and Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price.

Abbott's remarks came one day after President Donald Trump, in brief but very direct remarks in the Rose Garden, said he had told every governor in an earlier phone call to deploy the National Guard to "dominate the streets." Trump also advised governors and mayors to "establish an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled."

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People join George Floyd's family in a march Tuesday from Discovery Green to City Hall in downtown Houston. Floyd, who was from Houston, died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers May 25. [JON SHAPLEY/HOUSTON CHRONICLE]

Amid tensions, Trump decries 'lowlifes'

Latest comments come a day after law enforcement attacked a peaceful protest in front of White House

By Zeke Miller and Matt Sedensky
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday turned up the pressure on governors to quell the violence set off by the death of George Floyd, demanding New York call up the National Guard to stop the "lowlifes and losers."

As more demonstrations began taking shape around the country, and cities including Washington girded for another round of scattered violence after dark, the president amplified his hard-line calls of a day earlier, in which he threatened to send in the military to restore order if governors didn't do it.

"NYC, CALL UP THE NATIONAL GUARD," he tweeted. "The lowlifes and losers are ripping you apart. Act fast! Don't make the same horrible and deadly mistake you made with the Nursing Homes!!!"

One day after a crackdown on peaceful protesters near the White House, thousands of demonstrators massed a block away from the presidential mansion, facing law enforcement personnel standing across a black chain-link fence.

The fence had been put up overnight to block access to Lafayette Park, just across the street from the White House.

"Last night pushed me way over the edge," said Jessica DeMaio, 40, of Washington, who attended a protest Tuesday for the first time. "Being here is better than being at home feeling helpless."

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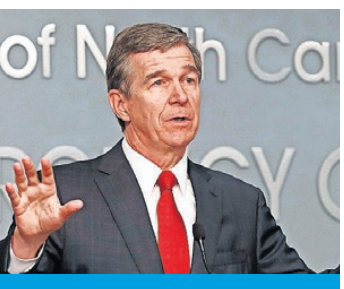

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GOP LOOKS FOR ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR CONVENTION

North Carolina's governor tells Republicans they must do a scaled-back event if they hold it there

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Local virus cases trend up after reopening

Travis County had 88 new cases Monday, biggest single-day rise since pandemic hit Austin

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New coronavirus cases in Austin and Travis County have trended steadily upward in the weeks after the reopenings of some local businesses, but health officials say the actual number of infections could be seven to eight times higher than statistics show.

Interim Austin-Travis County Health Authority Dr. Mark Escott on Tuesday told members of the Austin City Council that health officials are seeing about 60 new coronavirus cases in Austin and Travis County each day.

On Monday, Travis County had 88 confirmed new cases, the highest single-day increase since the pandemic arrived in Austin. In mid-May, the average number of daily new cases tracked closer to 45.

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Companies aim to cash in on antibody tests

FDA rules allowing some inexperienced companies to offer the virus tests

By David Heath, Donovan Slack and Kevin McCoy
USA TODAY

For now, public health experts say antibody tests are valuable only for research and identifying plasma donors who could help those who are sick. But if scientists establish that having the virus leads to immunity, the tests could help people decide whether to return to work, socialize or travel. Relying on inaccurate tests poses grave risks.

The FDA's list of tests has included those from companies with little to no background in medical testing, including one that sells vape pens and one headed by a self-proclaimed technology evangelist.

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